REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 30-32 are pending in the present application, with claims 30-32 being independent. Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9, 11-29, and 33-35 have been canceled.

Interview Summary

Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner, Philip Tran, for conducting the interview on October 9, 2003. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed with the Examiner the cited references, namely *Flower* et al. (US 5,533,174) and *Mikuni* (US 5,590,247). In particular, Applicant discussed the patent bolt features of the invention and that the combination of the cited prior art does not teach the features of said claims.

Request For Continued Examination

Applicant submits herewith a Request For Continued Examination in order to anchor the Amendments After Final.

As stated during the interview and as stated in the Remarks of our Response submitted on August 6, 2003, Applicant once again respectfully submits that *Mikuni* does not display box-shaped frames

that enclose a respective character, which are then displayed on a display screen. Additionally, Applicant once again submits that the rectangular frames that are depicted in Figs. 4-13 of Mikuni, merely represent an arbitrary designated character string configuration region to arrange characters in predetermined areas, see column 7, lines 23-37 of Mikuni. Therefore, Mikuni fails to teach or suggest that box-shaped layout frames are displayed on a display screen, whereby each of the box-shaped layout frames is able to enclose their respective characters, as recited in the independent claims.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate the allowability of the pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Martin Geissler (Reg. No. 51,011) at the telephone number below, which is located in the Washington, DC

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area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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